PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #74B-11 Building Date: early 19th c.

Building Name: Hopkins House

Location: 100 Queen Anne Bridge Road South, Mitchellville, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Deteriorated/Inaccessible

Description

The Hopkins house is a two-and-one-half-story frame gable-roofed house which faces roughly south. The main facade is four irregular bays wide. A one-story shed roofed porch across the south facade has been enclosed, and nides the main entrance from view. There is a large exterior brick chimney centered in the west gable end, flanked at loft level by two tiny four-pane windows. There is one small four-pane window at loft level in the east gable end. Other than these small windows, there are no openings in the two gable ends, although there was once a door in the east gable end which led into the wing; that door has been structurally closed. Windows on the south facade are 6/6 double hung sash. The house is presently covered with green asphalt shingle in deteriorating condition. The wooden cornices are boxed and plain, and the roof is of standing seam tin; the foundations are brick. Until approximately the 1940's, there was a smaller gable-roofed building attached on the east gable end, which served as tavern and store. Like the larger part of the building, it had a large exterior chimney.

Significance

The Hopkins House is the only early building surviving in the historic town of Queen Anne. Established by the Act of 1706, Queen Anne was one of the important ports of Prince George's County; it is now only a small complex of twentieth century dwellings at the end of a country road. In the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, much of the land around Queen Anne belonged to the Wootton family, but before 1850, a 10-1/2 acre lot on the east side of the road from Mitchellville had been carved out of the Woottons' property at the western edge of the town. On this 10-1/2 acre property was a tanning works, a warehouse and a store. The store consisted of a two-part building, the subject building having been constructed early in the nineteenth century; it was attached to a smaller and older section which is reported to have been one of the early Queen Anne taverns and was demolished circa 1940. The store was owned by John P. Hopkins who was both postmaster and constable for Queen Anne town. In 1890 Hopkins deeded the subject building to his daughter who in 1913 sold it to James Tilghman. a black farmer who had farmed for many years in the Queen Anne area. The house is still the residence of his descendants. Only the larger part of the building stands today, a prominent landmark along the road to Queen Anne, and a reminder of that once important Patuxent River port town.

Acreage: 10.5 acres

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| state Md. | | county | Prince George's Co | unty |
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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Hopkins house stands at the corner of the old Marlboro-Queen Anne Road where it turns to approach the bridge over the Patuxent River. It is a two-and-one-half-story frame gable-roofed house which faces roughly south. The main south facade is four irregular bays wide. A one-story shed roofed porch across the south facade has been enclosed, and hides the main entrance from view. There is a large exterior brick chimney centered in the west gable end, flanked at loft level by two tiny four-pane windows. There is one small four-pane window at loft level in the east gable end. Other than these small windows, there are no openings in the two gable ends, although there was a door in the east gable end which led into the wing (cf. infra); that door has been structurally closed. Windows on the south facade are 6/6 double hung sash. The house is presently covered with green asphalt shingle in deteriorating condition. The wooden cornices are boxed, plain, and not returned at gable ends. The roof is of standing seam tin; the foundations are brick, and enclose a basement which in recent years has been floored with concrete.

Until approximately the 1940's, there was a smaller (probably one-and-one-half-story) gable-roofed building attached on the east gable end, which served as tavern and store. Like the larger part of the building, it had a large exterior chimney. As yet, no photographs of this part of the building have been discovered.

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8. Significance

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Hopkins House is the only early building surviving in the historic town of Queen Anne. Formerly one of the important ports of Prince George's County, Queen Anne is now only a small complex of twentieth century dwellings at the end of a country road. Siltation and changes in the water line have hidden all traces of the warehouses which once lined the river banks. Even the bridge which once carried traffic across the Patuxent River into Anne Arundel County is now closed, and what remains of it serves only as a standing place for local and itinerant fishermen.

Queen Anne was established by the Act of 1706 at Anderson's landing on a large tract known as Essington. Ferry service was established with Anne Arundel County in 1726 and a bridge was constructed in 1755. Already by that time (1747) Queen Anne had been designated one of the tobacco inspection stations for Prince George's County. For the rest of the eighteenth century, Queen Anne was a busy commercial center, with tobacco warehouses and inns; it was an important crossing on the main road between Annapolis and Upper Marlboro, and George Washington records several visits and taking of meals there in the course of his travels. 3

In the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, much of the land around Queen Anne belonged to the Wootton family, but before 1850, a 10-1/2 acre lot on the east side of the road from Mitchellville had been carved out of the Woottons' property at the western edge of the town.⁴ On this 10-1/2 acre property was a tanning works, a warehouse and a store. The store consisted of a two-part building, the larger part (being the subject building) probably constructed early in the nineteenth century, attached to a smaller and older section which is reported to have been one of the early Queen Anne taverns (this smaller section was demolished circa 1940). The store was operated in the pre-Civil War period by James Davis,⁵ but owned by John P. Hopkins who later made the building his home. Hopkins was both postmaster and constable for Queen Anne town.⁶

9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. P.G. #74B-11

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In 1890 Hopkins deeded to his daughter Mary Ann Duckett the subject building and 10-1/2 acres; in 1913 she sold it to James Tilghman, a black farmer who had farmed for many years in the Queen Anne area. The house is still the residence of his descendants. Only the larger part of the building stands today, in seriously deteriorating condition. It is a prominent landmark along the road which once led to Queen Anne, and a reminder of that once important Patuxent River port town.

Notes

- Archives of Maryland XXVI, 636.
- 2 Hienton, L.J. Prince George's Heritage, pp. 133-35.
- 3 Diary of George Washington, 1774, 1791.
- 4 Chancery papers #8078, (1850) Md. Hall of Records, Prince George's Equity #952 (1874).
- ⁵ Martenet map of Prince George's County, 1861; Prince George's County Tax Assessments.
- 6 Planters' Advocate, 19 Sept. 1860, 2 January 1861.

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The house is a two-story, frame building with a five bay, main (west) facade. The second and third bays from the south are doorways; the north door having a transom light. On the north end is a large external chimney with a large, free-standing stack. The windows are 6/6 double hung sash with narrow moulded surrounds. The cornice is boxed with a bed moulding.

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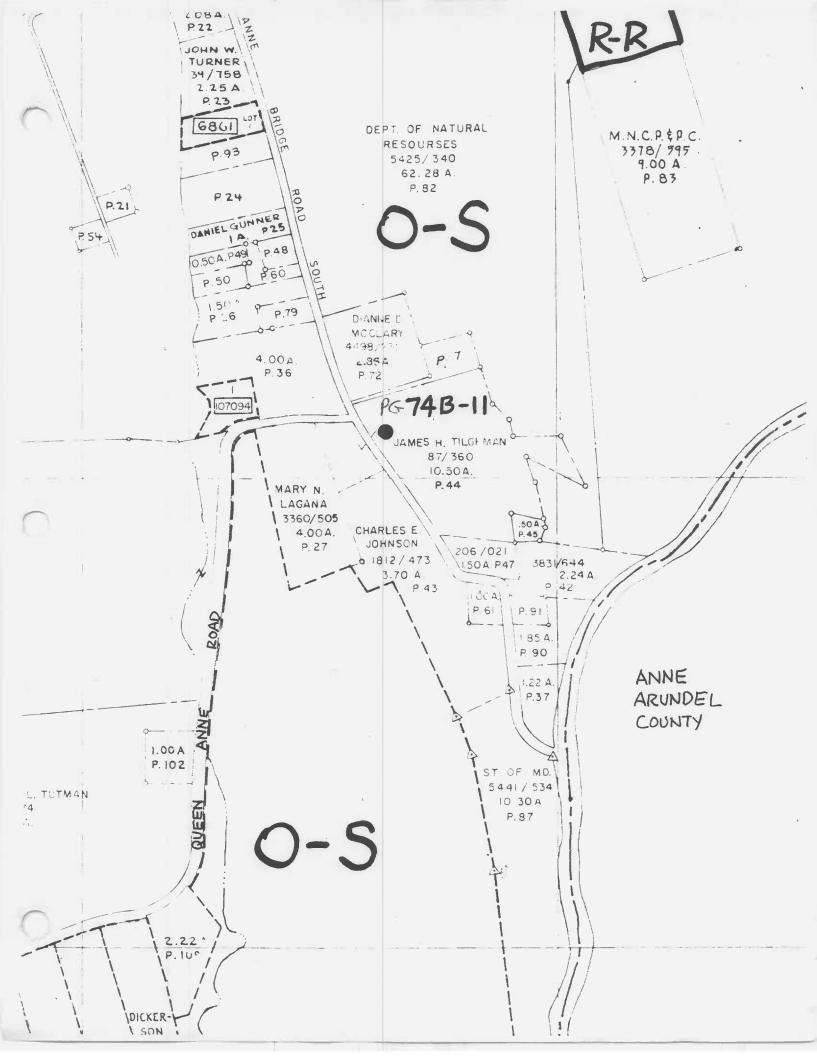
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Chain of Title

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#87:360 22 March 1913 Deed Mary A. Duckett and Stephen W., her husband, to James H. Tilghman; (a) a tract of 9 acres in village of Queen Anne, adjoins on N and E land formerly belonging to Alexander B. Randall and now to Charles Blanford; on S, lands of Addison Hardesty now owned by George King and Rosa Brady; on west by public road from Queen Anne to Mitchellville; same land conveyed to Mary Duckett by John P. Hopkins; (b) 1-1/2 acre lot.

JWB #14:143 13 Feb. 1890 Deed John P. Hopkins et ux Mary, to Mary A. Duckett; two lots: (a) lot now occupied by John P. Hopkins, 9 acres in Queen Anne, bounded on two sides by A. Randall's land, on S by A. Hardesty's land, on W by road; (b) 1-1/2 acre lot.





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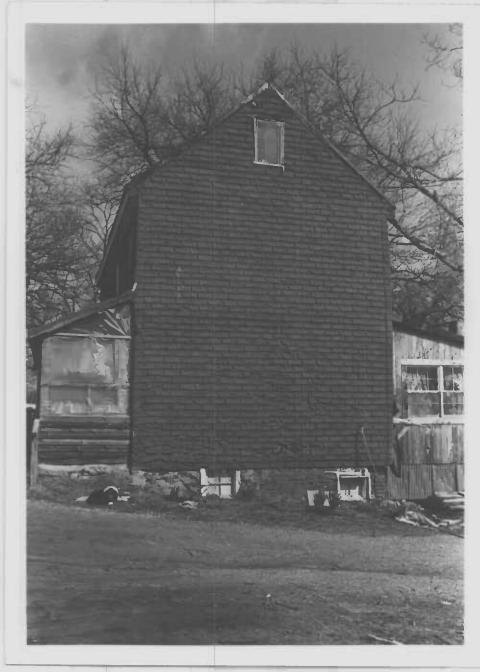
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